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| 98/88 #1 | H.C. Barley 2262 - At the wharf at Skagway Ala. [child in the mouth of a whale] |
| 98/88 #2 | First stage ever came out from Dawson over the ice. Left Dawson December 10, 1901. Arrived at White Horse December 20, 1901. [N.W.T. & Yukon Stage Line] |
| 98/88 #3 | A cattle scow - running the White Horse rapids. 2 miles above White Horse Y.T. |
| 98/88 #4 | Leaving White Horse for Dawson, Y.T. [reverse] Sled dogs harnessed up. Man in a fur "parka" and moccasins. Moccasins were tanned hide - done by Indians - fur lined - and impervious to snow moisture. The sled is a small one, for quick travelling - the man runs, behind sled. When he gets tired - after hour or so - he steps on a small step at rear of sled. He never rests too long - as he will begin to get cold. So he starts running again. Can travel a good many miles a day - on a hard crust of snow, and the sled runners make a "zing" sound - as they run along. Note snow shoes packed in sled - for use in soft snow. |
| 98/88 #5 | H.C. Barley 2202 - Summit of White Pass June 13, 1900. First Excursion of the Season. [reverse] Summit at "White Pass" - showing the dividing line between US and Canadian territory - First excursion out. (Notice snow). We got off the boat at Skagway (US) and got on the rail road and lived on a scow for 6 weeks at "Lake Bennett" - that was as far as the rail way was built then. The rail way was called "The White Pass and Yukon Route". When it was completed up to White Horse we took the first train in. Arrived - pup up a "pup tent" and all slept on the ground - on spruce boughs I expect. About 3 am - and still light. I thot it was peculiar I was sleepy & still day light. None of us kids griped or grouched. We learned early to take whatever came and accept it. Later, with help Dad put up a substancial tent. Where Arthur & Dad spent the winter - while the rest of us went "outside" - as it was referred to to spend winter in Victoria BC. Then "back in" in early spring. The "White Pass" mentioned at first, is where hundreds tried to climb to the dangerous summit, with backs on backs so as to have a head start - to the goldfields in Yukon - where they could "stake out" the richest claims. The trail was lined with hundreds of skulls & skeletons - along the way. People or "tender foots" who got the "gold fever" - but did not have the rugged physique - or experience - to make the Summit. 1896-1898- |

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98/88 #6	E.J. Hamacher 602 - Miles Canyon. Along the Yukon River.
98/88 #7	A Musher on a 100 mile trip to Dawson. A "musher" - on a 100 mile trip - Whiter Horse to Dawson City, Y.T.
98/88 #8	Canadian North West Mounted Police. Barricks built at White Horse 1900-1901. [Eight officers with child.]
98/88 #9	H.C. Barley 2167 - A Moose in Harness. [reverse] Moore - owner of Moore's Wharf (right). Skagway, Alaska. In cart is one of his 8 children (half breed Indian)
98/88 #10	E.J. Hamacher 575 - Steamer Resolute, March 10, 1900. Boat on Yukon River Tied up - for winter? [actually iced-up coaster steamer at Skagway dock]
98/88 #11	H.C. Barley 2041 - Under Two Flags. At the Summit of White Pass July 24 99. [excursion party at the border, with the U.S. Hotel Restaurant tent in the near background]
98/88 #12	White Horse, Y.T. [Two boys with sled teams hauling wood.]
98/88 #13	Copper Claim. [reverse] When Dad Sipprell left the Klondike region (Yukon Territory) in 1901 he had proved up & owned 2 copper claims. What ever became of them - I do not recollect. I presume if they were not worked or kept active - for 20 yrs or so - they would revert to the Canadian government. Josephine Sipprell Tilden.

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| 98/88 #14 | Photo by E.J. Hamacher - A Day's Bag. Oct. 21st 1901. 3 miles from White Horse, Y.T. [dog in front of tent with rifles, and dozens of birds hung] [reverse] 1900 to 1901. White Horse, Y.T. Picture taken in front of our tent. Front part was used for Dad's dental office - on Front St. To one side was a doctor's office. Also a lawyer's office - & further down a Jewelers store. Further back - at rear of lot was big tent where we slept and all four of us had the measles at one time. Game of all kinds - very plentiful - some grouse even tame. No "hunters license" required at that time. In 1901 the Barricks for the "North West Mounted Police" was built further towards "the hill" & away from the Yukon river. They were a colorful sight - in their red jackets & royal blue pants. An Episcopal Mission Church was built. A huge log church - and adjoining it the pastors living quarters. It was at this church where we all heard Bishop Bumpus [sic] hold services many times. Bab - about 3 yrs old - had heard of Jesus & seen pictures - so she called him "Jesus Bumpus." The Bishop (white hair & beard) had lived a lifetime, up in Alaska & Canadian North West. I asked Rev. Grey - Episcopal Church - Orlando [FL] - who had served in N.W. if he ever heard of "Bishop Bumpus" - said "yes - he also knew him. Rev. Bowen was first Episc. Minister at the church in White Horse, Y.T. Note: Coloured & scanned copy of a Hamacher original photo on paper. |
| 98/88 #15 | Photo by E.J. Hamacher - The Hunting Family [people in front of same tent as in photo #14]. [reverse] George Lehman Sipprell 50 yrs.; Capt Kane (a cousin?) Aunt Lila Arthur - 19 yrs; Dean Sipprell - 10 yrs; Arthur Sipprell 12 yrs; Flora Jean Arthur Sipprell 35 yrs; Hetty Ann - (Josephine) Sipprell 8 yrs; Floresa Sipprell - 3 1/2 to 4 yrs. Taken at the back of our tent - at White Horse Y.T. A "days bagging" of grouse, rabbits, geese. etc. No hunting Laws at that period in time. [Similar scene and event, see caption and photo at 89/31 #218.] |
| 98/88 #16 | H.C. Barley 758 - Whale-Killer Indians in Full Dancing Costume |
| 98/88 #17 | [reverse] At White Horse - Y.T. Yukon River in foreground [view from high on east bank of river] |
| 98/88 #18 | H.C. Barley 578 - A Section of Muir Glacier |
| 98/88 #19 | Robertson's Freight Train Leaving White Horse for Dawson [Four large horse-drawn sleds on Front St., with WP&YR depot in the background.] |

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| 98/88 #20 | [Bear harnessed to sled, in front of White Horse Star tent] [reverse] Arthur Sipprell - 1900 winter. Hitched his sled to a bear (a black bear I presume) (and partly tame). In the background - you see the level Hill that I often refer to - & where the air plane landing was built - War 2. We kids - boys & I only - used to roll down that steep hill. It was when I had about completed my roll - that Arthur came running up from town to tell us - news had just come in, that President McKinley of US had just been assassinated [sic] [additional info from Bob Cameron 2003: checked - no added info] |
| 98/88 #21 | Shooting the Rapids in Miles Canyon
[A group of people on a boat shooting the rapids in Miles Canyon on the Yukon River.]
[Handwritten in ink on reverse: "Yukon River Summer 1900 Leaving "Miles Canyon" and entering "White Horse Rapids" in a big "scow" with "sweeps." Aunt Lila Arthur went on this trip - with a small party. It was considered a highly exciting - and dangerous trip. Cold spray splashing all over them. Very swift current. Veterans managed the "sweeps" so as to avoid the diverse currents, and avoid dangerous rocks, and keep the scow headed in right direction. Keep from going side-ways. If a scow - or any small boat smashed into a rock or the rocky sides of the river - the scow - or boat would smash up. No chance of saving anyone. The big steam boats did not go up this river. They only went down from "White Horse" - and toward Dawson City and toward the mouth of the river - which flows northward).] - 1900. |
| 98/88 #22 | At White Horse, Y.T. Arthur Sipprell - "water boy" - at White Horse, Yukon 1900. [reverse] Arthur Sipprell. Hauling water from Yukon - 25 cents per 5 gallons. Had good business until found body of dead man. Business faded out immediately - practical bankruptcy. |
| 98/88 #23 | H.C. Barley 1900 - Oonahoonyz. A Famous Indian Dancer. - 1900. |
| 98/88 #24 | [small scow being battered in rapids] [reverse] "White Horse Rapids" - Yukon, Y.T |
| 98/88 #25 | Ptarmigan [reverse] Ptarmigan - (Yukon Territory) the big spruce grouse - that turns white - when snow falls. |